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The settlement should stand in its current form. Those who desire to reject it and force the breakup of Microsoft do not understand economics. If Microsoft truly does not serve the public market because of security flaws in its products or other factors, then innovation on the part of competitors will bring about desired changes. It may take a little longer than a government lawsuit, but ultimately the free market will be served and government intervention will not be needed. Microsoft became as large as it is because its products were innovative and made computers easier to use by the general public. They may have gone in a direction that discouraged competition, but I personally have not found many products that can compete -- and I have looked. Linux may be the catalyst that causes the corporate shakeup the Clinton Administration looked for in the original lawsuit. We do not need the expense or use of DOJ resources for additional action against Microsoft.

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